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## THE PRICE OF NON-PREPAREDNESS

CRITICS who have been venting their partisanship spleen on our bereaved ex-president may sympathize too late with the first man who advocated a policy of preparedness for this country. His far seeing vision brought into bold relief the pacific sentiments which ruled at Washington and excluded contemplation of the possibility of a world's war in which the American nation would be called upon to sacrifice its dearest and most precious youth for preservation of the nation which the father, who is mourning today, tried to impress on a lethargic congress and procrastinating administration at Washington. Theodore Roosevelt has always stood as the embodiment of those manly ideals which we all love and it was his voice that was raised before the sinking of the Lusitania imploring Washington to prepare for the worst. He predicted that neglect would bring the danger of imperialism to our own shores and he took pains to depict the ravages to follow the appearance of a foreign enemy fleet off our coasts and the disastrous results to follow in the train of a century of neglect. Roosevelt was first to assail the dormancy and fancied security into which the country was lulled by the foolish day dreaming of lawmakers who should have been in a position to checkmate any hostile movement launched in Europe or elsewhere to involve the United States. The impetuous Rough Rider was earnest in his utterances. Nevertheless, he has been accused of blustering about with a chip on his shoulder for the sake of attracting attention and posing in the limelight for the reflected glory of indulging in vain gasconade. In view of the developments on the field of battle during the past week we defy any man to raise his voice in repeating the calumnies which are nailed by the grievous loss visited upon his household through the sacrifice of his youngest son. The boy gave his life in defending the principles enunciated by his father and expounded by his brothers who are all at the front engaged in acts which the home loving politicians and bureaucrats have sought to capitalize against this man of all men, who never was afraid to offer his life and the lives of his family for the cause which he advocated. With one son prone in the ghastly barrens of No Man's Land without even the mercy of a shroud to shield his noble form from the night prowlers of that devastated area the accusation of political hy-play is hurled back in the teeth of those who scoffed at the loyalty of the former president, who always stood ready to lead and not direct the hosts of American freemen whom he knew must eventually be called to the colors.

The nobility of the motives actuating our beloved Teddy in tendering his services to lead the first expeditionary force from the United States to grapple directly with the militarism of Europe can no longer be gainsaid or questioned. When he tendered his services to the administration with an urgent plea for the privilege of leading these men on the field of battle it was with no thought of selfish aggrandizement or desire for political preferment but his thoughts and words were all the outcome of a deep and sincere devotion to the flag which he loved better than his very own whom he offered in his place when he was so discourteously treated by the swivel chair heroes who feared his assertiveness, keen penetration and incisive tongue should be granted any recognition as a military leader. The conduct of the war has been pilloried from the very outset when delays meant death to thousands of our brave boys and every criticism culminated against the powers at Washington was of the order that brought constructive statesmen out of seclusion to take the places of those who were hesitating what to do. Roosevelt's urging was responsible for accelerating the war spirit of the nation which was slow to gather momentum and therefore the nation will mourn with the father of Quentin Roosevelt, who proffered his own life and the lives of his boys to their country.

While the loss of one human life is no greater in the case of the ex-president than in the case of the poor widow in some lonely hamlet whose only boy has paid the supreme sacrifice, the American people will recognize in his death the true Americanism of the father who was ever ready to lay down his life for his flag that his country might survive for the glorification of the one dominant principle of emancipation from tyrannical rule.

## FETTERING THE NEWSPAPERS

WHEN the administration orders newspaper publishers to cease sending out free papers on their exchange list it seems like stopping the leak at the spigot while leaving the bung hole open to have the printing office at Washington engaged in sending out tons of worthless printing which could be saved by simply stopping this great leak. It is a notorious fact that every department of the government uses nothing but the best quality of paper whenever it wants to issue a trashy pamphlet and it is equally notorious that nine-tenths of this stuff emanating from the government printing office never goes further than the waste baskets of the newspaper offices. It would be a much more effective way to Hooverize by starting the short rations of paper at home before impressing on private publishers the best way of conducting their own business. If the government adopted the same rules that are applied to private newspaper publishers the force in the public printing office could be reduced 50 or 60 per cent and the paper bills cut down 80 per cent. If there is such a scarcity of news print that a publisher cannot give away a single copy of his paper the best demonstration would be by shutting up the government printing bureau and giving the public a rest from the surfeit of stuff that keeps on clogging the mails without contributing a cent to the support of the service.

The British government has a much more effective way of dealing with publishers. Instead of sending out tons of reading that is never read, His Britannic Majesty's government subscribes to the leading daily papers and sends them throughout the world as the best propaganda that has been devised. The circulation brings a diversity of sentiment wherever the publications land the result is that the contents are devoured with avidity and then passed on to other readers. By this system the government is relieved of a

great responsibility and the publishers are subsidized in maintaining a war service that is the admiration of the universe.

## CLIPPED AND CREDITED

Our wheels of industry are all singing war songs.—Nashville Banner.

One reason why there is so much trouble is that it's easy to make it.—Albany Journal.

The U-boat which sinks hospital ships is like a tainted ship on a tainted ocean.—Troy Record.

A certain community boasts that it is 75 per cent loyal. An egg that is only 75 per cent good is pretty rotten.—Bristol (Tenn.) Herald.

There's no objection to any war-time good roads movement that leads in the direction of Berlin.—Charleston News.

If an American soldier should meet a flock of Fords on Wilson avenue, Paris, he might become terribly homesick.—Birmingham Herald.

A small bit of German territory is now in the keeping of a small bit of the United States army. Both bits will grow.—Springfield Republican.

It is remarkable that Kaledines and Korniloff, both formerly dead, should get back into the live news at the same time.—Toledo Blade.

"Everybody in Germany cheats, steals, grabs," declares a Prussian Socialist. Why not? The Kaiser sets the example.—Chicago Tribune.

# WAR OF RETALIATION EXPOSED BY GERMAN

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, July 18.—The present war is a "war of revenge" long desired by the pan-Germans, writes Kurt von Strantz, a pan-German leader in a book entitled "Our National War Goal," published in Germany.

German newspapers received here quote the author as saying:

"In my boyhood days the 'German war of retaliation, as we must name this world war more correctly, was the dream of my life, the realization of which I have never despaired of, although I did doubt that I would live to see it in view of the unfortunate peace policy followed by the post-Bismarckian administration."

"But I have lived to enjoy that happiness. By word and letter I have fought for this war of revenge which finally is to restore our old national and political frontiers which we had gradually lost in the east and west since 1852. Neither 1815 nor 1871 restored those frontiers."

"Bismarck started our national rise but he did not complete it. His discharge impeded the victory-promising course, as his successor gave half of German Africa senselessly without any compensation to our new arch-enemy, England. Therewith began the descent which only this world war could arrest and which I longed for and foresaw when such

SMALL SECTION FREE FROM GERMAN INVADER

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, July 18.—Less than 2 1/2 per cent of Belgian territory is still free from the invader. All the unoccupied communes are within range of the German heavy artillery which has fired upon Dunkirk, but all are inhabited.

On the other hand Belgian troops have occupied seven times as much German territory in German East Africa as the total area of Belgium.

thoughts were unpopular." The Berlin Vorwaerts says that the entire enemy world will learn of this confession with great satisfaction and adds: "If Herr von Strantz had been paid for his book by enemy agents he could not have better worked into the hands of the enemy countries. The book, says Vorwaerts, is proof of the criminal activities of certain pan-German circles which now openly boast that they had longed for this war as their greatest happiness."

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## ORDERED TO PAY FOR MONUMENT

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, July 18.—Nikolai Lenin, the Russian premier, has issued a decree directing M. Litvinoff, the Bolshevik envoy in London, to give 1,000,000 rubles to the family of Karl Marx, the German Socialist, for the erection of a monument on Marx's grave in London.

Marx is buried, with his wife and child, in Highgate cemetery, in suburban London. All three bodies are in a single grave, which is marked with a plain flat stone.

M. Litvinoff is at present without funds, but has made various demands on London banks for deposits lying there to the credit of the old Russian government or members of the Russian nobility.

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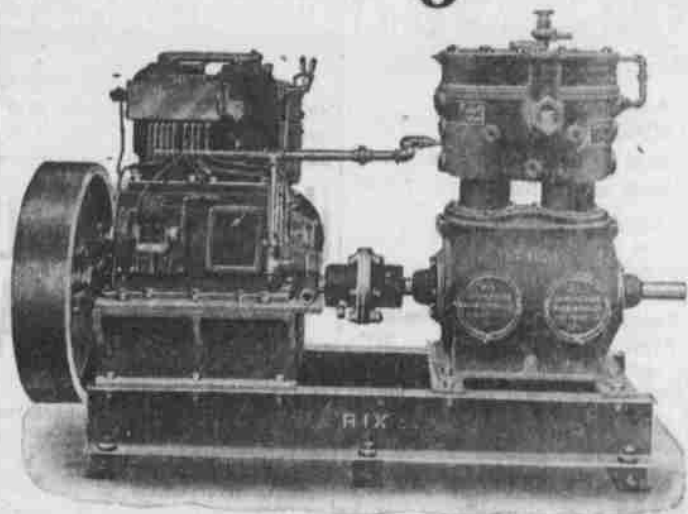
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